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SUBJECT: OPIC ADVANCE OFFICER VISIT

1. OPIC OFFICER PARNELL NOW PLANS ARRIVAL ACCRA FROM LAGOS 6:15, MARCH 9, GH 553 FOR TWO AND A HALF DAYS TO FIRM UP SCHEDULE FOR OPIC INVESTMENT MISSION WESTAM. ARRIVAL OF MISSION NOW SCHEDULED 1950 GH 703, MARCH 21 FROM ROME. MISSION WILL HAVE HAD ORIENTATION SESSION AND RESTED 24 HOURS IN ROME PRIOR FLIGHT TO GHANA.

2. TENTATIVELY WE SEE ACCRA STAY AS FOLLOWS: EARLY MONDAY AM BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR. FOLLOWED BY MEETING HOSTED BY APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIAL (GARDINER? CIB? FORDWOR?) WELCOMING GROUP AND EXPLAINING GHANA INVESTMENT POLICY, FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS WITH COMMISSIONER OR STAFF OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES WITH MISSION. GARDINER SAID CIB WOULD BE APPROPRIATE GROUP TO ORGANIZE MISSION'S OFFICIAL MEETINGS. LUNCHEON POSSIBLY WITH SELECTED GHANAISANS SUCH AS OCRAN, PIANIM, FEW MEMBERS OF GMA. AFTERNOON PLANT TOURS IN ACCRA AREA. NIB SAID THEY WOULD ARRANGE SOME, POSSIBLY COMMERCIAL BANK OF GHANA, CIB OR OTHERS COULD ALSO TAKE SMALL GROUPS. MONDAY EVENING HOPE AMBASSADOR CAN GIVE RECEPTIONFOR
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MISSION AND KEY PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL GHANAISANS. MISSION

CAN PROVIDE 200 DOLLARS FOR RECEPTION. TUESDAY AM VERY EARLY DEPART FOR TEMA, SEE PROJECTS THERE. RETURN IN TIME FLIGHT LEAVING FOR LAGOS GH 552 AT 1600.

3. GARDINER AND CHENERY-HESSE APPEAR TO BE KEY POLICY INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR URGING TO HOPE/HENDERSON THAT WESTAM COME TO GHANA. THEY STRESSED RECOGNITION BY GOG THAT FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT WILL BE NEEDED TO CARRY OUT LARGE SCALE EXPORT ORIENTED PROJECTS. MISSION WILL NO DOUBT ASK THEM ABOUT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, SLOWNESS IN GOG

INVESTMENT APPROVALS AND OTHER COUNTERPRODUCTIVE POLICIES NOTED BY AMBASSADOR IN HER MEETING WITH HOPE/HENDERSON.

4. REQUEST GRANER ACCOMPANY PARNELL ON APPOINTMENTS TO SET UP WESTAM MEETINGS. PLEASE ARRANGE PARNELL VISIT PIONEER CANNERY AND GHANA TUNA FISHING DEVELOPMENT CO. IN TEMA TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF PROJECTS. IF POSSIBLE WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENTS WITH BOTH JOHN RADINE AND ROBERT OCRAN. LATTER CAN BE MADE THROUGH DAVID SIMPSON, PANNELL FITZPATRICK. PARNELL ALSO PREPARED DISCUSS EJURA FARMS WITH DIBBLE AND NIB REPS.

5. STILL NO RESPONSE FROM AMBASSADOR QUARM TO MAYS LETTER,

COPY OF WHICH SENT TO EMBASSY ACCRA. INGERSOLL

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